Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the Government got any information about the highest rates?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Generally 12 per cent. There are cases where amounts are advanced at lesser rates.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government admit it as a reasonable rate of interest?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is called the മുതലാലിം and therefore it must be deemed to be a reasonable rate of interest.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the rate of interest of agricultural loans?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Three per cent.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When compared with it is not this abnormal?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government gives it as a matter of concession.

Economic Survey—Conducting of.

12. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 58 regarding injurious irregularities of wealth in society, dated 15th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to explain how they can conciliate their 'no necessity' defence to their later decision for conducting an Economic Survey?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government do not think that their decision to conduct an economic survey is inconsistent with their answer to question No. 58 of the Legislative Session of 1107.

Grants-in-aid.

13. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 456, 25th February 1932, regarding disproportionate State grants-in-aid, will the Government be pleased to show the first date on which they undertook to procure the information and the number of times with dates, notice for that information was given from this side of the House, and explain the long delay in the matter?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The question was at first answered in Dhanu 1107 session when the promise to get the information before the next session was made. It was again asked on 13th Kumbham 1107. The information called for from the Benares Hindu University could not be had even then. By the time the information was received the question lapsed and could not be answered. The question was renewed in Meenam 1108 session when the information already procured had become out of date as there were fresh admissions in July 1932. So the University had to be addressed

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again to make the list up-to-date and it was not possible to furnish the answer during that session also. There was thus no delay on the part of Government. The information asked for by the Member is now given in Appendix. (*Appendix I*).

14. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 124 of 16th December 1931, regarding grants-in-aid, will the Government be pleased to place the information they promised on the table and show cause why a similar question with early notice, was not answered in the previous meeting?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 13.

Representation of Labour in the Council.

15. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 126 of 16th December 1931, regarding Representation of Labour in the Council, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The question can be considered only after studying the condition of labour in the State which can be known only after the completion of the economic survey, proposed to be conducted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the answer it is said 'proposed to be conducted'. Is it not already begun?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Since the same aspect of the Inspector of Labour occurs again, may I know whether in future this Inspector of Labour will have anything to do with this labour condition? I think the Government promised that the suggestion will be noted. I don't press the question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government propose to continue the system of 12 hours till they get the report of the economic survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government have not considered that question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Before the economic survey report is received will it be considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Suggestion will be noted.

Statistics regarding poverty.

16. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 151, 16th December 1931, regarding Government's campaign

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APPENDIX I

(Vide answer to Question No. 13).

Roll No.	Name	Caste
	First year degree	
107/32	Mr. M T Cherian	Christian
76/32	Mr. K G Menon	Nayar
47/32	Mr. N Damodara Menon	Nayar
37/32	Mr. C R Ayyar	Brahmin
100/31	Prince Kerala Varmah	Kshatria
106/32	Mr. M Varada Rao	Brahmin
9/31	Mr. P M Narayanankutti	Nayar
1131	Mr. P Sankarankutti Menon	Nayar
	Second year degreee	
179/31	Mr. M Paul Verghese	Christian
131/31	Mr. S Sangameswara Ayyar	Brahmin
122/31	Mr. K K Anantharaman	do
15/31	Mr. V Venkata Parasuraman	do
6/31	Mr. V John Poulose	Christian
1152	Prince Kerla Varma, Cochin	Kshatria
1100	Mr. A S Menon	Nayar
1092	Mr. Sankarankutti Menon	Nayar
1048	Mr. K Achyutan	Nayar
	Third year degree	
1103	Mr. M Govinda Menon	Nayar
1031	Mr. K P Raman Menon	Nayar
	Fourth year degree	
962	Mr. M P George	Christian
963	Mr. M G Menon	Nayar
964	Mr. A G Menon	Nayar
957	Mr. P Narayana Menon	Nayar
856	Mr. T N Ramanathan	Brahmin

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